

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Chan et al.
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For : METHODS FOR PREDICTING
THE RISK OF DIABETIC
NEPHROPATHY USING
GENETIC MARKERS AND
ARRAYS CONTAINING THE
SAME
Examiner : Pande, Suchira
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the claims as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The **Remarks** along with the Response to the Restriction/Election of Species Requirement begin on page 6 on this paper.